

NUN ON THE BUS TELLS PAUL RYAN TO TURN OFF THE CAMERA

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As I noted the other day, Paul Ryan's fake soup kitchen photo op was important not just because it shows him to be a big-footing asshole, but because he may have endangered the funding of a charity serving the Catholic social justice mission—a mission Ryan's entire political career has harmed.

Apparently I'm not the only one who thinks Ryan should be a better Catholic. Actual, still-practicing Catholics think so too!

Catholics United just sent out a press release calling Ryan out for such big-footing. Among others, it quotes Sister Simone Campbell (the Nun on the Bus who spoke at the DNC) preaching the Gospel to Paul Ryan.

"Representative Ryan tried to use the poor, and those who serve them, as a political prop," said James Salt, executive director of Catholics United. "From a man who has done so much to undermine the work of public-private partnerships and faith-based groups, this is an incredibly cynical move."

Sr. Simone Campbell, the executive director of NETWORK Lobby and "Nuns on the Bus" leader, has repeatedly invited Rep. Ryan to meet and experience first-hand how his budget proposals will affect charities similar to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Youngstown.

"If Paul Ryan is serious about serving the Gospel mission of Jesus Christ, I'd encourage him to read Matthew 6, which instructs us to serve when no one is looking," said Salt. "You can learn a

lot about a man by what he does and says when the cameras aren't rolling. I suggest Rep. Ryan take a day off from campaigning to meet and get to know those who would be affected by the budget cuts he's proposed."

I guess if Ryan showed up before the cooking pots were cleaned up, he might have to talk to such people. And given his response to Campbell, he's apparently afraid to do so.